

Appln No. 10/634,640  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

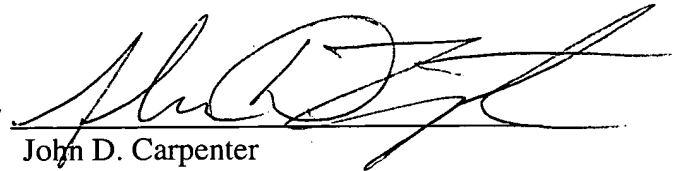
Claims 1 and 3-33 are pending in the application. In the May 31, 2006 Office action, the Examiner withdrew the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 102, and rejected claims 1, 3-5, 15-21, and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heubner, but indicated that claims 6-14 and 22-30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Although Applicants disagree that Heubner teaches or suggests the present invention, Applicants are hereby canceling claims 1, 3-5, 15-21, and 31-33, without prejudice. This is done solely to expedite the allowance of this case. Applicants have rewritten claims 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 22, 25, 26, 28, and 29 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants will subsequently file a continuation application to pursue the cancelled claims. Each remaining claim depends, directly or indirectly from one of the amended claims.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that this application is in now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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